

## GRANT RECIPIENT NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

**YEAR** 2009

**COUNTY**LAKE, PORTER, LAPORTE

CATEGORY EDUCATION/OUTREACH

GRANT AWARD \$2,000

Local Share \$2,000



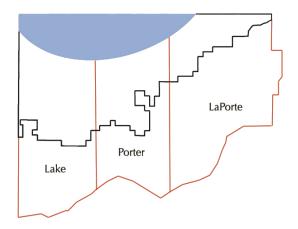
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**Indiana Coastal Streams Blitz** 

This project was a series of eight independent water quality events around Northwest Indiana. Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) was able to purchase enough water quality testing supplies to make 20 stream monitoring kits. Event participants learned how to assess a stream located on-site. Perhaps more important than the actual test results of this brief introductory event was the opportunity to showcase how easy the kits were to use and how volunteers can contribute to protecting our coastal waterways. NIRPC still hopes to further coordinate with local groups and programs to build a formal volunteer stream monitoring network in the future. These supplies will help build and maintain the capacity for such a program. Encouragingly, the events with the highest participation levels involved students.



**RESULT:** Series of Water Quality Events.